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U.S. Department of Energy Selects Portsmouth Infrastructure Services Contractor

\$48.8 Million Small Business Contract Runs Through March 2010

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced its award of a \$48.8 million small business contract to Theta Pro2Serve Management Company, LLC (TPMC) for infrastructure services at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon, Ohio. A second small business contract for remediation activities at Portsmouth was awarded earlier this year.

“The Department of Energy will continue to look to the entrepreneurial spirit of small businesses to provide value to the taxpayers and contribute to the cleanup of our Cold War legacy,” Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman said. “Safe and effective infrastructure services at Portsmouth will support our goals of risk reduction and protection of human health and the environment.”

TPMC, headquartered in Waverly, Ohio, will be responsible for infrastructure services such as surveillance and maintenance of selected facilities; site security; computing and telecommunications services, property and records management; janitorial services; and grounds and roadway maintenance.

TPMC is a limited liability company (LLC) formed by Theta Technologies, Inc., a woman-owned technical services small business, and Professional Project Services, Inc. (Pro2Serve), a technical and engineering services small business. Both companies are headquartered in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The TPMC contract, which will run for five years including the transition period, is a cost-plus-award-fee contract providing reimbursement of costs and earned fee. An infrastructure services contract was also awarded today for work at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Paducah, Ky.

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TPMC takes over from Bechtel Jacobs Company LLC, whose contract extension expires May 31, 2005. Bechtel Jacobs has been actively participating in planning for the transition of projects and people to ensure a successful hand-off to the new contractors.

DOE's Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office (PPPO) will manage three major contractors at the Portsmouth site under the Environmental Management cleanup mission. In addition to TCMP's infrastructure services contract, LATA/Parallax Portsmouth, LLC is responsible for environmental remediation services; and Uranium Disposition Services, LLC is responsible for the Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride (DUF₆) Conversion Project. Opportunities will likely be available for various subcontracts awarded by the major contractors on specific tasks. The PPPO also oversees additional DOE-related activities conducted by the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC).

The Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, owned by DOE, was constructed in the mid-1950s to manufacture enriched uranium for commercial and defense use. The Department oversees site cleanup. USEC, which is planning uranium enrichment operations at the Portsmouth site using centrifuge technology, is a separate commercial enterprise leasing the plant from DOE.

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